

**RECOGNIZING “WORLD REFUGEE DAY”
IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY
JUNE 20, 2017**

WHEREAS, today, in 2017, there are more refugees throughout the world than at any time since World War II, which equates to more people being driven from their homes as a result of violent conflict and persecution; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has identified approximately 10% of the displaced people as uniquely vulnerable and in need of immediate resettlement, including victims of torture, unaccompanied minors, members of the LGBT community as well as those who are vulnerable because they were sympathetic to and/or cooperated with the United States of America, risking their own personal safety and that of their families in the fight against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, prior to their arrival to our country, numerous international and federal agencies have cleared each of the eligible refugees, verifying their identity, status, trustworthiness, health and need for resettlement; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County has a strong history of positive contributions and loyalty from immigrants, emigres and refugees who have come to the United States and settled in our region and communities; and

WHEREAS, Sacramento County is one of the major resettlement destinations in California, in part because it provides a new home and way of life for many refugees here in the United States; and

WHEREAS, opening our region’s doors to those escaping violence and brutality provides economic and cultural benefits to our local community; and

*WHEREAS, in several days, on June 20, 2017, the United Nations will observe “**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**,” honoring the courage, strength and determination of men, women and children who are forced to flee their homelands under threat of persecution, conflict, violence and even death.*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** the Board of Supervisors, County of Sacramento, State of California, hereby acknowledges June 20, 2017, as “**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**” and welcomes refugees who settle in the Sacramento area as well as encourages each of them to become contributing members of our community; and further, commends the efforts of local refugee resettlement organizations that help refugees thrive in Sacramento; and further, joins with communities throughout the nation by proclaiming June 20, 2017, as “**WORLD REFUGEE DAY**” in Sacramento County.*